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Minutes 03/04/2009

ARINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 3/4/09

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan		Bayer*	Phelps*	Dunn*
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons*	Olszewski*	
Tosti*	Foskett	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Ferrara *	Franclemont*	Jones*	Deshler*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: AYCC Director Leon Cantor, AYCC Board Members Joan Lehigh, Lori Talanian, Robert Bongiorno, Lynn Horgan, Kevin Flood, Mary Deyst, Human Services Director Christine Sharkey, Vision 2020 CoChairs Jane Howard, Joey Glusko, DPW Assistant Director Theresa DeBenedictis, Elizabeth Karpatis, Bill Eykamp, Steve Ricci, Josh Lobel, Andrew Fischer

MINUTES of 3/2/09 accepted as corrected. 15-0-1

ART 55 MEAD ROAD: DPW SubCom (Olszewski) provided copies of memo from DPW Director promising action on most of the requests in the article.

VOTED no action with the comment to include info from the Director's letter. Unanimous. Olszewski to notify director. Turkall to notify Weinberger.

AYCC: Lehigh provided handouts and, supported by staff and the other members present, discussed the work done by AYCC. She made a case that AYCC provides excellent services partly through leveraging extensive volunteer services. She pointed out that because the recession increases strains on families the AYCC services are needed now more than ever. She also said that the contract with the schools is being negotiated and might not be renewed. Contacts made through the schools may permit early intervention and head off more serious problems. She did not make a specific a budget request.

ART 61 WATER BODIES: Howard stated that the home rule legislation establishing the fund to maintain the water bodies passed the legislature. Last year the Town appropriated \$15k. DeBenedictis stated that the fund balance is \$34649. The cost of treating Spy Pond this spring is expected to be \$40k. This expense recurs about every 4 yrs. Keeping the weeds under control at the res costs about \$2500/yr.

VOTED \$15k Unanimous. The Spypond Committee & DPW were requested to provide a 5 yr plan showing expected revenues and expenditures.

ART 27 AFTER SCHOOL FUND: Lobel made a power point presentation to establish the need for this funding and

the proposed means of raising the money via a tax bill checkoff similar to Dollars for Scholars. He noted that, unlike Dollars for Scholars, this money would stay in Arlington & contribute to services for which the Town is responsible. In response to questions, he explained that the Schools Foundation and the Education Enrichment Fund have different objectives. The proponents have been unable to meet w/ the Treasurer.

COMMITTEE: After discussion w/ Manager & others, Tosti proposed that we deal with the warrant articles and a few of the budgets that are not affected by the revenue uncertainty and then adjourn until May. He suggested mtgs on 5/11, 13, 18, 30. He estimates that Town Meeting will finish the BoS & Zoning articles in 4 nights, then adjourn until 6/1 to consider the budgets. This will give as much time as possible to let the revenue uncertainties become resolved so that the budgets can be as realistic as possible. Tosti will review this approach w/ the Moderator.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$287,000

Peter B Howard 3/7/09 Revised 3/18/09

cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY – Articles

# 2/11	# 3/3	#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
16	16		Marihuana Bylaw			Public Safety SubCom to inquire
27	27		After School Scholarship Fund	3/4		
28	28		Max Age for Appointment to Police & Fire			TM
29	29		Max Age For Police & Fire			
30	30		Transfer Of McClennen Park			
31	31		Goodman Pension Time	2/11,3/2	3/2	No action
32	32		Govt Reorg Committee	2/11		Need cost est
33	33		Pay As You Throw	2/23		Tabled
34	XX		Library Copiers & Printers Fund			TM
35	XX		Parking Fund	2/18	2/18	No action
39	37		Collective Bargaining			TM
40	38		Future Collective Bargaining			TM
41	39		Salary Adjustment Elected Officials			TM
42	40		Positions Reclassification			
43	41		Budgets			
44	42		Capital Budget	2/18	2/18	8242949
45	43		Rescind authority to borrow	2/18	2/18	177472
46	44		Minuteman Tech			
47	45		Minutean Tech Stabilization Fund			
48	46		Celebrations			TM
49	47		Committees & Commissions	2/23,3/2	3/2	All level funded except ARC tabled until EcoFest

50	48		Misc Appropriations			TM
51	49		Sewers			TM
52	50		Water			TM
53	51		Pension Adjustment	2/11	2/11	Support
55	53		Mead Road Improvements	3/2	3/4	No action Comment based on DPW memo
56	54		Disability Commission Appropriation			
57	55		Harry Barber Service Program	2/11	2/11	7500
58	56		Minuteman Senior Services	2/11	2/11	10145 9-4
59	57		Reevaluation	2/18	2/18	70000
60	58		Tax Exemptions	2/18	2/18	No action 14-1
61	59		Water Bodies	3/4	3/4	15000
62	60		Special Ed Reserve Account			Super
63	61		OPEB			TM
64	62		Tip Fee Stab Fund			
65	63		Transfer of Cemetery Funds			
66	64		Overlay Reserve			
67	65		Stabilization Fund			
68	66		Free Cash			

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom				
2	Board of Selectmen				
3	Town Manager				
4	Personnel				
5	Information Technology				
6	Comptroller				
7	Treasurer				
8	Postage				
9	Assessors				
10	Legal				
11	Town Clerk				
12	Registrar of Voters				
13	Parking				
14	Planning				
15	Redevelopment Board				
16	Zoning Board of Appeals				

